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Regarding the right-of-way vacation:

We would like to register our opposition to the planned right-of-way vacation behind 779 Lexington Parkway S. We live adjacent to this property at 1516 Edgumbe.

We understand that the city is generally in favor of increasing density, and we are not opposed to that, either. We just have a few points that we hope would be taken into consideration in this particular situation:

1. The project can certainly proceed without the city vacating the alleyway property
2. The alleyway has been used by the city to access utilities in the last few years
3. The woods on the hillside behind our homes are a unique local feature. It's increasingly rare to have urban wildness, and that has a value in and of itself
4. Perhaps most importantly, no neighbors who are affected by the vacation, except the developer himself, were interested in signing the petition to support the vacation

The city can achieve its goals of development and increased density without vacating the right-of-way.

Thank you,
Maren and Chris Hilton